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36th PARLIAMENT, 1st SESSION

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

Sub-Committee  
on

**CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT RISK**

of the  
Standing Committee  
on

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Chairman: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, March 9, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chairman





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Karen Kraft Sloan, Eric Lowther, Maria Minna, Rey Pagtakhan, Diane St-Jacques.

*Other Member(s) present:* Carolyn Bennett.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officer.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of the Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Ovid Jackson moved, - That John Godfrey be elected Chair of this Sub-Committee.

The question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

Accordingly John Godfrey took the Chair.

On motion of Rey Pagtakhan it was agreed, That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings in order to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that three (3) members of the Committee be present and provided that one member of the opposition be present.

At 11:15 the Committee proceeded to discuss future business.

Libby Davies moved that the draft workplan prepared by Sandra Harder, Parliamentary Research Branch, dated March 4, 1999 be adopted.

After debate the question being put on the motion it was adopted.

At 11:46 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee





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**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, March 16 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Council on Social Development:*

Katherine Scott, Senior Research and Policy Associate.

*Canadian Institute of Child Health:*

Karen Kidder, Project and Research Coordinator;

Sandra Schwartz, Director, Environmental Programs.

*Statistics Canada:*

Sylvie Michaud, Assistant Director / Manager, Special Surveys Division, National  
Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth;

Wayne Smith, Director, Special Surveys Division.





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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, March 16, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Rey Pagtakhan.

*Other Member present:* Carolyn Bennett

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Statistics Canada:* Wayne Smith, Director; Sylvie Michaud, Assistant Director/Manager; *From the Canadian Council on Social Development:* Katherine Scott, Senior Research and Policy Associate; *From the Canadian Institute of Child Health:* Sandra Schwartz, Director, Environmental Programs; Karen Kidder, Project and Research Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

Wayne Smith, Sylvie Michaud, Katherine Scott, Karen Kidder and Sandra Schwartz made an opening statement and answered questions.

It was agreed, that the Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk approve the proposed budget of \$20,000 for the period April 1, 1999 to June 24, 1999 and that the Chair be authorized to present the said budget to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, that the Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk request from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities an interim budget of \$250.00 to reimburse the expenses of the out of town witnesses it propose to hear before the end of March 1999.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Guyanne L. Desforges

Clerk(s) of the Sub-Committee





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**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, March 23, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Institute of Public Administration of Canada:*

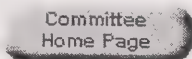
Don Lenihan, Research Director.

*As Individual:*

Tom Kent.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 23, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Rey Pagtakhan, Diane St-Jacques.

*Other Members present:* Bonnie Brown, Carolyn Bennett.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Jim Young, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the Institute of Public Administration of Canada:* Don Lenihan, Research Director.  
*As Individual:* Tom Kent.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Committee Clerk





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**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, April 13, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Caledon Institute of Social Policy:*

Ken Battle, Director.

*National Council of Welfare:*

Armand Brun, Vice-President;

Steve Kerstetter, Director;

John Murphy, Chairperson;

Joanne Roulston, Senior Researcher and Policy Adviser.



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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Rey Pagtakhan.

*Acting Members present:* Bonnie Brown for Maria Minna; Carolyn Bennett for Ovid Jackson.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the Caledon Institute:* Ken Battle, Director. *From the National Council of Welfare:* John Murphy, Chairperson; Armand Brun, Vice-Chairperson; Steve Kerstetter, Director; Joanne Roulston, Senior Researcher and Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Sub-Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

Ken Battle, John Murphy and Armand Brun made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

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**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, April 20, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Finance:*

Keith Horner, Senior Chief, Social Tax Policy, Personal Income Tax Division.

*As Individual:*

Richard Shillington.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Eric Lowther, Maria Minna, Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Richard Shillington. *From the Department of Finance:* Keith Horner, Chief, Social Tax Policy, Tax Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 6**

**Tuesday, April 27, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

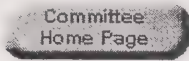
**WITNESS:**

*Canadian Policy Research Networks Inc.:*

Judith Maxwell, President.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, April 27, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Karen Kraft Sloan, Eric Lowther and Maria Minna.

*Acting Members present:* Carolyn Bennett for Rey Pagtakhan.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Researchers.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Policy Research Networks:* Judith Maxwell, President; Elisabeth Richard, Director of Corporate and Public Affairs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Sub-Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

Judith Maxwell made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, May 4, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Institute for Advanced Research:*

Fraser Mustard, Founding President and Bell Canada Fellow.

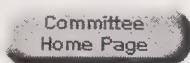
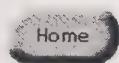
*As Individuals:*

Jocelyne Tougas;

Daniel Tremblay.







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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Karen Kraft Sloan, Eric Lowther, Maria Minna and Diane St-Jacques.

*Acting Members present:* Carolyn Bennett for Rey Pagtakhan.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research:* Dr. Fraser Mustard, Founding President and Bell Canada Fellow. *As Individuals:* Daniel Tremblay, Professor, *Université du Québec à Hull*; Jocelyne Tougas, Consultant on Child Care.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Sub-Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

By unanimous consent at 5:12 p.m. the Sub-Committee proceeded to sit *in-camera*.

The Sub-Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, - That Minister responsible for family matters following a federal-provincial meeting in Saskatoon, be invited to appear on May 11, 1999 to inform the Sub-Committee of the results of the meeting and to discuss the federal-provincial consultation document on the national children's agenda.

At 5:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles

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**Meeting No. 8**

**Tuesday, May 11, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Pierre S. Pettigrew, Minister of Human Resources Development

Hon. Allan Rock, Minister of Health

**WITNESSES:**

*Health Canada:*

Phyllis Colvin, Director, Health Policy Division, Policy and Consultation Branch;

Brian Ward, Acting Director General, Population Health Directorate, Health Promotion and  
Programs Branch.

*Human Resources Development Canada:*

Margaret Biggs, Associate Executive Head, Strategic Policy.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Eric Lowther, Maria Minna and Diane St-Jacques.

*Other Members present:* Carolyn Bennett, Paul Crete, Reed Elley and Pauline Picard.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder, Researcher.

*Appearing:* The Hon. Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Human Resources Development; The Honourable Allan Rock, Minister of Health; The Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth).

*Witnesses: From the Human Resources Development Canada:* Margaret Biggs, Associate Executive Head, Strategic Policy. *From the Health Canada:* Brian Ward, Acting Director General, Population Health Directorate, Health Promotion and Programs Branch; Phyllis Colvin, Director, Health Policy Division, Policy & Consultation Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Sub-Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

The Hon Pierre Pettigrew and the Hon. Allan Rock made opening statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bill Farrell

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 9**

**Monday, May 31, 1999**

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Meeting No. 9

Monday, May 31, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Rey Pagtakhan and Diane St-Jacques.

*Acting Members present:* Diane Ablonczy for Eric Lowther.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder, Researcher; Bill Young.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Sub-Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

The Sub-Committee considered a draft report.

*It was agreed,* - That the draft report as considered and amended, be adopted as the First Report of the Sub-Committee subject to the Chair obtaining the final approval of the Members and that once approval is obtained the Chair present the First Report to the Standing Committee.

At 5:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 10**

**Tuesday, June 1, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Association for Community Living:*

Raffath Sayeed, Member, International Steering Committee;

Zuhy Sayeed, Member, International Steering Committee.

*Georgetown University:*

Phyllis R. Magrab, Child Development Center, Center for Child Health and Mental Health  
Policy.

*Maternal and Child Health Bureau:*

Merle McPherson, Doctor and Director, Division of Services for Children, Health  
Resources and Services Administration.



*U.S. Department of Health and Human Services:*

George B. Dines, Associate Administrator, International Health Affairs, Health Resources  
and Services Administration.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, June 1st, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Eric Lowther, Maria Minna and Rey Pagtakhan.

*Other Members present:* Carolyn Bennett and Andy Scott.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the U.S Department of Health and Human Services:* George B Dines, International Health Affairs, Associate Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration. *From the Georgetown University:* Phyllis R Magrab, Child Development Center, Centre for Child Health and Mental Health Policy. *From the Maternal and Child Health Bureau:* Dr. Merle McPherson, Director, Division of Services for Children, Health Resources and Services Administration. *From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Raffath Sayeed, President; Zuly Sayeed, Member, International Steering Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2) the Sub-Committee resumed its study relating to issues regarding the future of children and youth in Canada.

Raffath Sayeed, Merle McPherson, Phyllis Magrab, Georges B. Dines and Zuly Sayeed made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:20 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bill Farrell

Committee Clerk





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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Wednesday, November 24, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chairman





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### Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Carolyn Bennett, Raymonde Folco, John Godfrey, Diane St-Jacques.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Gary Breitbreuz for Eric Lowther.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

Raymonde Folco moved, - that John Godfrey be elected Chair of this Committee.

The question being put on the said motion, it was agreed to.

At 15:36 p.m., the Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee hear from experts, from grassroot, research and community support groups dealing with children issues with a view of preparing recommendations by December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

At 4:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee





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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Wednesday, December 1, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of Children and Youth in Canada

**WITNESS:**

*Tristat Resources:*

Richard Shillington, Principal.





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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 1st, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Carolyn Bennett, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Lowther, Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Tristat Resources:* Richard Shillington, Principal.

Richard Shillington made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, December 7, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on child care for Quebec

**WITNESSES:**

*Caledon Institute of Social Policy:*

Ken Battle, President;

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.

*Campaign 2000:*

Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator.

*University of Toronto:*

Martha Friendly, Coordinator, Child Care Resource and Research Unit, Centre for Urban  
and Community Studies.

*As Individual:*

Jocelyne Tougas.







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Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, December 7, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 11:06 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Carolyn Bennett, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson and Eric Lowther.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Peter Adams for Diane Marleau, Maurice Vellacott for Eric Lowther, from 11:06 to 12:08 and from 12:53 to 13:34, Peter Stoffer for Libby Davies and Angela Vautour for Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy:* Ken Battle, President; Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. *From the Campaign 2000:* Laurel Rothman, National Coordinator. *As Individual:* Jocelyn Tougas, Consultant on Child Care for Quebec. *From the University of Toronto:* Martha Friendly, Co-ordinator, Childcare Resource & Research Unit Centre for Urban & Community Studies.

Ken Battle and Sherri Torjman from the Caledon Institute of Social Policy, Laurel Rothman from Campaign 2000, Martha Friendly from the University of Toronto and Jocelyn Tougas, consultant on child care for Quebec, made a statement and answered questions.

At 1:22 p.m. the Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

At 1:37 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, December 14, 1999**

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Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, December 14, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 9:35 a.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Carolyn Bennett, Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Eric Lowther.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Andy Scott for Diane Marleau and John McKay for Raymonde Folco.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Sandra Harder and Bill Young, Research Officers.

On a motion by Andy Scott it was agreed, -- That the report be adopted as the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities subject to the inclusion, of the amendments summarized by the researcher at the meeting.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to present the amended report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, -- That the Committee authorize the printing of dissenting opinions as an appendix to this report immediately following the signature of the Chair; that the dissenting opinions be limited to not more than 3 pages and that they be delivered in both official languages to the Clerk of the Committee not later than Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999 at noon.

At 10:31 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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Wednesday, February 23, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:55 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Raymonde Folco, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Eric Lowther.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Angela Vautour for Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance from the Library of Parliament:* Sandra Harder, Research Officer.

The Sub-committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

It was agreed, - that the Sub-committee adopt in principle its workplan as follows:

- A. Update on the Canadian Policy Research Network's Synthesis Report - *What is the Best Policy Mix for Canada's Children?* and that Judith Maxwell be invited as a witness on Wednesday, March 15 at 3:30 p.m.. The CPRN's presentation may also include comments on the Budget in light of its proposals for an integration policy framework for children.
- B. That, after hearing the Budget Speech and receiving the update from the Canadian Policy Research Network (CPRN), the Sub-committee decide the sequence of undertaking a study of Early Childhood Development Services - What is the best Model? or a study of Work and Family - Best Practices on the Integration of Work and Family Responsibilities.

At 4:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maija Adamsons

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Policy Research Networks:*

Judith Maxwell, President;

Sharon Stroick, Manager, Family Network.







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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, March 15, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:10 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Grant McNally for Eric Lowther.

*In attendance from the Library of Parliament:* Kristen Douglas and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Canadian Policy Research Networks (CPRN):* Judith Maxwell, President; Sharon Stroick, Manager, Family Network.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of February 29, 2000 - Meeting No. 15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of Children and Youth in Canada.

Judith Maxwell made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maija Adamsons

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**Meeting No. 7**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESS:**

*Carleton University:*

Frances Woolley, Associate Professor, Department of Economics.





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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 22, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:15 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey and Diane St-Jacques.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Paul Forseth for Eric Lowther and Stéphan Tremblay for Christiane Gagnon.

*In attendance from the Library of Parliament:* Kristen Douglas, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Carleton University:* Frances Woolley, Associate Professor, Department of Economics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See minutes of Proceedings of February 29, 2000 - Meeting No. 15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada.

Frances Woolley made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maija Adamsons

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**Meeting No. 8**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESS:**

*Conference Board of Canada:*

Judith MacBride-King, Associate Director, Research, Centre for Management  
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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, March 29, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Raymonde Folco, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Eric Lowther and Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Kristen Douglas and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Conference Board of Canada:* Judith MacBride-King, Associate Director, Research, Centre for Management Effectiveness.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a study on the future of children and youth in Canada.

Judith MacBride-King made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maija Adamsons

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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Wednesday, April 5, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to the integration of work and family responsibilities

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Human Resources Development Canada:*

Warren Edmondson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Program;

Gay Stinson, Director, Policy Development, Labour Program.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, April 5, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:43 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Eric Lowther and Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance from the Library of Parliament:* Kristen Douglas, Julie McKenzie and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Warren Edmondson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Program; Gay Stinson, Director, Policy Development, Labour Program and Laurent Quintal, Senior Policy Consultant, Policy Development, Labour Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of February 29, 2000 - Meeting No.15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to the integration of work and family responsibilities.

Warren Edmondson and Gay Stinson made statements and answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 10**

**Wednesday, May 3, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to the integration of work and family responsibilities

**WITNESS:**

*Treasury Board of Canada, Secretariat:*

Michel Papineau, Director, Human Resources Management Group.





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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, May 3, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson and Eric Lowther.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Treasury Board of Canada - Secretariat:* Michel Papineau, Director, Human Resources Management Group; Jean-Marc Gagnon, Labour Relations Consultant, Labour Relations and Human Resources Management Division Human Resources Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings Tuesday, February 29, 2000 - Meeting No. 15*); the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to the integration of work and family responsibilities.

Michel Papineau made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m. the Sub-Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

Ovid Jackson moved, -- That the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk approve the draft workplan respecting for early child development services.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, -- That the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk approve the proposed budget of \$12,100, for the period of April 1 to June 30, 2000 and that the Chair be authorized to present the said budget to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

At 4:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 11**

**Wednesday, May 10, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to early childhood development services

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Human Resources Development Canada:*

Jean-Pierre Voyer, Director General, Applied Research Branch;

Allen Zeesman, Director, Income Security and Social Development Studies, Applied Research Branch.







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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, May 10, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Raymonde Folco, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey and Ovid Jackson.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Jean-Pierre Voyer, Director General, Applied Research Branch; Allen Zeesman, Director, Income Security and Social Development Studies, Applied Research Branch; Margo Craig Garrison, Special Advisor, Income Security and Social Development Studies, Applied Research Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, February 29, 2000 - Meeting No. 15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to early childhood development services.

Jean-Pierre Voyer and Allen Zeesman made statements and answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 12**

**Wednesday, May 31, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to early childhood development services

**WITNESSES:**

*Better Child Care Education:*

Kerry McCuaig, Executive Director.

*Invest in Kids Foundation:*

Carol Crill Russell, Vice-President, Research and Programs.

*National Foundation for Family Research and Education:*

Mark Genuis, Executive Director.





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Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, May 31, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Eric Lowther and Diane St-Jacques.

*Other Member(s) present:* Peter Adams.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the National Foundation for Family Research and Education:* Dr. Mark Genuis, Executive Director. *From the Child Care Education Foundation:* Kerry McCuaig, Researcher and Consultant. *From the Invest in Kids Foundation:* Dr. Carol Crill Russell, Vice President, Research and Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of February 29, 2000 - Meeting No. 15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to early childhood development services.

Mark Genuis, Carol Crill Russell and Kerry McCuaig made statements and answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.,

**Meeting No. 13**

**Wednesday, June 7, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to children with disabilities

**WITNESSES:**

*Caledon Institute of Social Policy:*

Sherri Torjman, Vice-President.



*Canadian Association for Community Living:*

Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs.

*Canadian Institute of Child Health:*

Dawn Walker, Executive Director.

*Department of Health Canada:*

David Fransen, Director General, Population Health Directorate, Health Promotion and Programs Branch.

*Department of Human Resources Development Canada:*

Deborah Caron Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development;

Marta Morgan, Director, Children's Policy.

*National Centre for Child Care Inclusion:*

Sharon Hope Irwin, Executive Director, Special Link.

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Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met jointly with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities in a televised session at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chairs, John Godfrey and Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Carolyn Bennett, Libby Davies, John Godfrey and Diane St-Jacques.

*Members of the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities present:* Carolyn Bennett, Nancy Karetak-Lindell and Wendy Lill.

*Acting Member of the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities present:* Paul Crête for Madeleine Dalphond-Guiral.

*Other Members present:* Peter Adams, Bonnie Brown, Larry McCormick, Rey Pagtakhan and Judy Sgro.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie and Bill Young.

*Witnesses:* From the Canadian Institute of Child Health: Dawn Walker, Executive Director. From the Caledon Institute of Social Policy: Sherri Torjman, Vice-President. From the Canadian Association for Community Living: Connie Laurin-Bowie, Director, Policy and Programs. From the National Centre for Child Care Inclusion: Sharon Hope Irwin, Executive Director, SpecialLink. From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada: Marta Morgan, Director, Children's Policy; Deborah Tunis, Director, Social Policy Development. From Health Canada: David Fransen, Director general, Population Health Directorate, Health Promotion and Programs Branch; Heather McCormack, Program Officer, Population Health Directorate, Childhood and Youth Division, Health Promotion and Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceeding of February 29, 2000 - Meeting No. 15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to children with disabilities.

Dawn Walker, Sherri Torjman, Connie Laurin-Bowie, Sharon Hope Irwin, Marta Morgan and David Fransen made an opening statement and, with the other participants, proceeded to a round table discussion.

At 5:35 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maija Adamsons

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**Meeting No. 14**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to early childhood development services

**WITNESSES:**

*Child Alliance Advisory Committee of P.E.I.:*

Robert Paterson, Member.

*"Concertation interrégionale des centres de la Petite enfance du Québec":*

Claudette Pitre Robin, Vice-President.

*Success by Six (Ottawa—Carleton):*

Michael Allen, President and Executive Director, United Way Centraide Ottawa—Carleton;

Robert Cushman, Regional Medical Officer of Health;

Dianne Wilson, Executive Director, Ottawa Senators Foundation.



*Windows of Opportunity for Vancouver's Children and Youth:*

Lois Yelland, Member, Project Coordinating Committee.

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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, June 14, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, Christiane Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson and Eric Lowther.

*In attendance:* From the Library of Parliament: Julie MacKenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the "Concertation inter-régionale des centres de la Petite enfance du Québec":* Claudette Pitre Robin, Vice President. *From the Ottawa-Carleton's Success by 6:* Dr. Robert Cushman, Medical Officer of Health, Ottawa-Carleton Regional Health Department; Dianne Wilson, Executive Director, Ottawa Senators Foundation; Michael Allen, President/Executive Director, United Way/Centraide Ottawa-Carleton. *From the PEI Child Alliance:* Robert Paterson, Member of the Advisory Committee. *From the Windows of Opportunity for Vancouver's Children and Youth:* Dr. Lois Yelland, Member of the Project Co-ordinating Committee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of February 29, 2000 - Meeting No.15*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the future of children and youth in Canada with particular reference to early childhood development services.

Claudette Pitre-Robin, Dr. Robert Cushman, Michael Allen, Dianne Wilson, Robert Paterson and Dr. Lois Yelland made statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Maija Adamsons

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Wednesday, April 4, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

On motion of Roy Bailey, the budget for the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk for the period of April 2001 to June 2001 in the amount of \$25,100 was adopted.

At 4:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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**Meeting No. 2**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Health Canada:*

Nicole Lafrenière-Davis, Acting Director, Childhood and Youth Division, Centre for  
Healthy Human Development Population and Public Health Branch.

*Human Resources Development Canada:*

Marta Morgan, Acting Director General, Children's Policy.





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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, April 25, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Gurbax Malhi for Tony Tirabassi.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Marta Morgan, Acting Director General, Children's Policy. *From the Health Canada:* Nicole Lafrenière-Davies, Acting Director, Childhood and Youth Division, Centre for Healthy Human Development Population and Public Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its study on the future of children and youth in Canada

Marta Morgan made a statement and, with Nicole Lafrenière-Davis answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 3**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Health Canada:*

David Fransen, Director General, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch;

Nicole Ladouceur, Director General, Program Policy, Transfer Secretariat and Planning, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

*Human Resources Development Canada:*

Marta Morgan, Acting Director General, Children's Policy.

*Indian and Northern Affairs Canada:*

Kathleen Campbell, Director General, Social Policy and Programs, Socio-Economic Policy and Programs Sector.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 2, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Diane St-Jacques, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development:* Marta Morgan, Acting Director General, Children's Policy. *From the Department of Health:* Nicole Ladouceur, Director general, Program Policy, Transfer Secretariat and Planning, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Dr. David Fransen, Director general, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch. *From the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs:* Kathleen Campbell, Director General, Social Policy and Programs Socio-Economic Policy and Programs.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a study on the future of children and youth in Canada.

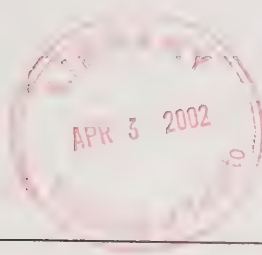
Kathleen Campbell, Dr. David Fransen, Nicole Ladouceur and Marta Morgan made statements and answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Community Education Network:*

Sharon Park, Research Coordinator, Understanding the Early Years Project.

*Early Childhood Development Association of Prince Edward Island:*

Sarah Gallant, Research Coordinator, Understanding the Early Years Project.

*First Call:*

Eileen Grant, Research Coordinator.

*Human Resources Development Canada:*

Allen Zeesman, Acting Director General, Applied Research Branch.

*Saskatchewan Rivers School District:*

Linda Nosbush, Representative, Understanding the Early Years Project.

*Winnipeg School Division:*

Jodi Lee, Research Coordinator, Understanding the Early Years Project.





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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met in a televised session at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Diane St-Jacques and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Community Education Network:* Sharon Park, Research Coordinator, UYE Project. *From the Department of Human Resources Development Canada:* Allen Zeeman, A/Director General, Applied Research Branch. *From the Early Childhood Development Association of PEI:* Sarah Gallant, UYE Project. *From First Call: BC Child and Youth Advocacy Coalition:* Eileen Grant, Research Coordinator. *From the Saskatchewan Rivers School District:* Linda Nosbush, UYE Project. *From the Winnipeg School Division:* Jodi Lee, Research Coordinator, UYE Project.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a study on the future of children and youth in Canada.

The witnesses made statements and answered question.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 5**

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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Diane St-Jacques and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

It was agreed, -- That this Sub-Committee continue to meet following its May 31<sup>st</sup> joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities with a view to considering a draft report.

At 3:44 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Wednesday, May 30, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled person in all sectors of Canadian Society and a study on the future of children and youth in Canada: Round table on family supports

**WITNESSES:**

*"Association pour l'intégration communautaire de l'Outaouais":*

Lucie Charron, President.

*Canadian Association for Community Living:*

Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President.

*Family Link:*

Jo Dickey, Board Member.

*Halifax Association for Community Living:*

Barb Horner, Family Support Facilitator, Family Support Program.

*Hamilton Family Network:*

Michael Burke-Gaffney, Board Member.

*Saskatchewan Family Network:*

Gloria Mahussier, Board Member.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met jointly with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Co-Chairs, John Godfrey and Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Alan Tonks.

*Other Member(s) present:* Carolyn Bennett, Wendy Lill, Janko Peric and Tony Tirabassi.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer. *From the Committees and Parliamentary Associations Directorate:* Mike MacPherson.

*Witness(es): From the Canadian Association for Community Living:* Diane Richler, Executive Vice-President. *From the Family Link:* Jo Dickey, Board Member. *From the Halifax Association for Community Living:* Barb Horner, Family Support Facilitator, Family Support Program. *From the Hamilton Family Network:* Michael Burke-Gaffney, Board Member. *From the Hull Association for Community Living:* Lucie Charron, Board Member. *From the Saskatchewan Family Network:* Gloria Mahussier, Board Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(c) the Sub-Committee convened a joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities to continue studying matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled person in all sectors of Canadian Society and a study on the future of children and youth in Canada: Round table on family supports.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:08 P.M. the meeting was suspended.

At 5:14 P.M. the meeting was resumed.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 5:40 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2001**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 11:41 a.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey and Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie and Bill Young, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(c) the Sub-Committee convened a joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities to study a joint draft interim report on matters relating to the proposing, promoting, monitoring and assessing of initiatives aimed at the integration and equality of disabled person in all sectors of Canadian Society and on the future of children and youth in Canada.

The Sub-Committees proceeded to study their joint draft interim report.

It was agreed, -- That the joint draft interim report (as amended) of the Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk and the Sub-Committee of the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities be adopted as the First Interim Report of the Sub-Committees.

It was agreed, -- That the Chairs be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the report and that they decide on an appropriate title to this report.

It was agreed, - That the Chairs be authorized to present the report, Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

At 1:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 8**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the future of children and youth in Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*Caledon Institute:*

Ken Battle.

*Canadian Council on Social Development:*

Andrew Jackson, Director of Research.

*National Council of Welfare:*

John Murphy, Chairperson, Canning, Nova Scotia;

Joanne Roulston, Director.

*Tristat Resources:*

Richard Shillington, Principal.









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Roy Bailey, Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Caledon Institute:* Ken Battle, President. *From the Canadian Council on Social Development:* Andrew Jackson, Director of Research. *From the National Council of Welfare:* John Murphy, Chairperson, Canning, Nova Scotia; Joanne Roulston, Director. *From Tristat Resources:* Richard Shillington, Principal.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), a study on the future of children and youth in Canada.

Ken Battle, John Murphy, Andrew Jackson and Richard Shillington made opening statements and with Joanne Roulston answered questions.

At 4:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary S. Sokolyk

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**Meeting No. 9**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:26 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Carol Skelton, Diane St-Jacques and Tony Tirabassi.

*Attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of February 29, 2000 – Meeting No. 15*), the Sub-Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Sub-Committee invite witnesses from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Department of Health, the Department of Justice and the Department of Human Resources Development to discuss the federal programs available to and status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves.

It was agreed, -- That the researcher prepare a document detailing the programs available in each province to aboriginal children from the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, the Department of Health, the Department of Justice and the Department of Human Resources Development.

At 3:54 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Paul Cardegna

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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay and Tony Tirabassi.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Betty Hinston for Carol Skelton.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Statistics Canada:* Doug Norris, Director General, Census and Demographic Statistics. *From the Canadian Institute of Child Health:* Kelli Dilworth, Project and Research Officer. *From Aboriginal Sport Circle:* Rick Brant, Executive Director; Gina Duxtator, Program Manager.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 1, 2000 – Meeting No.06*), the Sub-Committee proceeded to study the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and federal programs available to them.

Doug Norris and Kelli Dilworth made opening statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 705, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Carol Skelton and Tony Tirabassi.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Indian Affairs and Northern Development:* Dan Beavon, A/Director, Research and Analysis Directorate; Kathleen Campbell, Director General, Social Policy and Programs; Art Dedam, Director, Social Programs Reform Directorate.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceeding of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 – Meeting No.10*)

Dan Beavon and Kathleen Campbell made statements and with the other witness answered question.

At 4:55 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, November 28, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Carol Skelton, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Health Canada:* Ian Potter, Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Richard Budgell, Manager, Aboriginal Childhood and Youth, Population and Public Health Branch; Debra Gillis, Director, Health Program Support Division, Community Health Programs Directorate, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Nicole Lafrenière-Davis, Acting Director, Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Population and Public Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 – Meeting No.10*)

Ian Potter and Richard Budgell made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Carol Skelton and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Justice Canada:* Patricia Begin, Director, Research & Evaluation, National Crime Prevention Centre; Bill Pentney, Deputy Head, Aboriginal Affairs Portfolio; Odette Johnston, Senior Policy and Program Advisor, Aboriginal Justice Directorate. *From the Statistics Canada:* Roy Jones, Director, Canadian Centre for Justice Statistics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 – Meeting No.10*)

Patricia Begin, Bill Pentney and Roy Jones made a statement and with the other witness answered question.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, December 12, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Carol Skelton, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Canadian Heritage:* Norman Moyer, Assistant Deputy Minister, Canadian Identity. *From the Royal Bank of Canada:* Charles S. Coffey, Executive Vice-President, Government & Community Affairs and Co-Chair, Commission on Early Learning and Care, City of Toronto.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 – Meeting No.10*)

Norman Moyer and Charles S. Coffey each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 15**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Human Resources Development Canada:*

Bayla Kolk, Director General, Aboriginals Relations Office;

Kathryn McDade, Director of Children's Policy, Strategic Policy Directorate;

Ron Paulhus, Team Leader, Aboriginal Program Policy;

Mary Quinn, Director General of Social Policy, Strategic Policy Directorate.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Larry Spencer for Carol Skelton.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Human Resources Development:* Bayla Kolk, Director General, Aboriginal Relations Office; Mary Quinn, Director General, Social Policy Directorate, Strategic Policy; Kathryn McDade, Director, Children's Policy Directorate, Social Policy; Ashique Biswas, Senior Analyst, Aboriginal Relations Office, Employment Programs Branch; Ron Paulhus, Policy Team Leader, Aboriginal Relations Office, Employment Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 – Meeting No.10*)

Bayla Kolk made a statement and, with the other witnesses answered question.

At 4:49 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary Sokolyk

Acting Clerk



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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Member(s) present:* Larry Spencer for Carol Skelton.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

Discussion of future business of the Sub-Committee.

At 3:49 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary Sokolyk

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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 17**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Chippewas of Nawash Health Centre:*

Kim Akiwenzie, Community Health Representative.

*Nshimi Daycare:*

Helena Joanne Keeshig, Native Language Resource Teacher.







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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Larry Spencer, Diane St-Jacques and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Chippewas of Nawash Health Centre:* Kim Akiwenzie, Community Health Representative. *From the Nshimi Daycare:* Helena Joanne Keeshig, Native Language - Resource Teacher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary Sokolyk

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**Meeting No. 18**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*B.C. Aboriginal Child Care Society:*

Karen Isaac, Program Manager;

Robert Lagasse, Director.

*Inter-Tribal Health Authority:*

Heather Payne, Community Health Consultant.

*Tlazten Nation:*

Edward John, Grand Chief.







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The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in a videoconference* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the B.C. Aboriginal Child Care Society:* Robert Lagassé, Director; Karen Isaac, Program Manager. *From the Inter Tribal Health Authority:* Heather Payne, Community Health Consultant. *From the Tlazten Nation:* Ed John, Grand Chief.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

Robert Lagassé, Heather Payne and Ed John each made a statement and, with Karen Isaac, answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Acting Clerk





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**Meeting No. 19**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*C.D. Howe Institute:*

John G. Richards, Professor of Policy Analysis, Faculty of Business Administration, Simon Fraser University, Phillips Scholar in Social Policy and Fellow-in-Residence.

*The Founder's Network:*

J. Fraser Mustard, Founding President and Fellow, Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

*The Winnipeg School Division No. 1:*

Pauline Clarke, superintendent of Schools – Inner City.







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, March 13, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 4:12 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Acting Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Diane St-Jacque and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the C.D. Howe Institute:* John Richards, Adjunct Scholar, Faculty of Business Administration. *From the The Founder's Network:* Dr. Fraser Mustard, Founding President of The Canadian Institute for Advanced Research. *From the The Winnipeg School Division No.1:* Pauline Clarke, Superintendent of Schools - Inner City.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

The witnesses made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle/Philippe Méla

Committee Clerks



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Chair: Carolyn Bennett, Lib.

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## Meeting No. 20

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available – focus on children with disability

#### WITNESSES:

*Katenies Research and Management:*

Rose-Alma McDonald, Consultant for the Mohawk Council of Katenies and the Assembly of First Nations.

*Mohawk Council of Akwesasne:*

Joanne Francis, Client Advocate.

*University of Victoria:*

Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social  
Development.

*As Individual:*

Wendall Nicholas.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, March 19, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Commons, John Godfrey and Carolyn Bennett, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Larry Spencer, Diane St-Jacques, Tony Abassi and Alan Tonks

*Members of the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities present:* Carolyn Bennett and Wendy Lill.

*Attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Mackenzie and Bill Young, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Wendall Nicholas. *From the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne:* Joanne Francis, Client Advocate. *From the Katenies Research and Management:* Dr. Rose-Alma J. McDonald, Consultant for the Mohawk Council of Katenies, and The Assembly of First Nations. *From the University of Victoria:* Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108 (3)(c) the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities convened a joint meeting with the Sub-Committee on the Status of Persons with Disabilities of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities to study the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available – focus children with disability

It was agreed, – That the Sub-Committee on Children & Youth at Risk invite Tim Sale, Minister of Family Services and Housing, Manitoba to appear before the Sub-Committee.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Mike MacPherson

Committee Clerk





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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Wednesday, April 10, 2002**



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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Adoption Council of Canada:*

Elsbeth Ross, Board Member and Secretary.

*Child Welfare League of Canada:*

Peter Dudding, Executive Director and Co-Director, Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare.

*National Youth in Care Network:*

Matthew Geigen-Miller, Director of Education and Communication.





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Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:23 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Larry Spencer, and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Adoption Council of Canada:* Elspeth Ross, Board Member and Secretary. *From the National Youth in Care Network:* Matthew Geigen-Miller, Director of Education and Communication. *From the Child Welfare League of Canada:* Peter Dudding, Executive Director and Co-Director Center of Excellence on Child Welfare.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Gary Sokolyk

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 22**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Institute of Health Research Aboriginal Research:*

Jeff Reading, Scientific Director.

*National Aboriginal Health Organization:*

Valerie Galley, Special Projects Coordinator;

Richard Jock, Executive Director.







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Research Officer.

*Witness(es): From the Canadian Institute of Health Research Aboriginal Research Center:* Dr. Jeff Redding. *From the National Aboriginal Health Organisation:* Richard Jock, Executive Director; Valerie Galley, Special Projects Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:51 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

At 5:05 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee





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**Meeting No. 23**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Assembly of First Nations:*

Marilyn Carpentier, Coordinator, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program, Health Secretariat;  
Elaine Johnston, Director, Health Secretariat.







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Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Larry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Assembly of First Nations:* Marilyn Carpentier, Canadian Prenatal Nutrition Program Coordinator (CPCP), Health Secretariat; Elaine Johnston, Director, Health Secretariat.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

Elaine Johnston made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38, the Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

At 4:50 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 24**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Health:*

Abu Nazir, Director of Health Funding Arrangements, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

*Walpole Island First Nation:*

Marcia Peters, Community Development Officer.

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Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, May 1st, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer, Tony Tirabassi and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the Department of Health:* Abu Nazir, Director of Health Funding Arrangements, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. *From the Walpole Island First Nation:* Marcia Peters, Community Development Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

Abu Nazir and Marcia Peters made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 25**

**Wednesday, May 8, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Anishinaabe Mino-Ayaawin:*

Caroline Bercier, Tribal Family Health Nursing Officer;  
Tracy Scott, Nursing Services Manager.

*Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs:*

Bonny Traverese, Day Care Coordinator.

*Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations:*

Sheila Kay-Machiskinic, Representative;  
Bev Peel, Administrator, Children's Programs.



*Ta'an Kwach'an Council:*

Brenda Sam.

*Teslin Tlingit Council:*

Kelly Morris, Director of Health and Social Programs;

Carl Sidney, Deputy Chief.

*Sandy Bay Health Centre:*

Dorothy Lloyd, Coordinator.



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Meeting No. 25

Thursday, February 21, 2002

The Special Committee on Non-Medical Use of Drugs met at 9:11 a.m. this day, in Ballroom B, Crowne Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, the Chair, Paddy Torsney, presiding.

*Members of the Committee present:* Derek Lee, Réal Ménard, Paddy Torsney, Randy White.

*Acting Member present:* Hedy Fry for Stephen Owen.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Chantal Collin and Marilyn Pilon, research officers.

*Witnesses: Panel – Prevention and Drug Treatment: From the Operation Springboard:* Remo Paglia; Wanda McPherson, Diversion Office. *From the Toronto Public Health:* Dr. Joyce Bernstein, Drug Prevention Centre. *From the Breakaway:* Dennis Long, Executive Director. *From the Caritas:* Elio Sergnese, Director. *From the illicit Drug Users Union of Toronto:* Raffi Balian, Co-founder; Marc McKenzie, Assitant.

Pursuant to the Orders of Reference adopted by the House of Commons on Thursday, May 17, 2001, Thursday, November 8, 2001, and Friday, February 8, 2002, the Committee resumed consideration of the factors underlying or relating to the non-medical use of drugs (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Thursday, June 7, 2001, Meeting No. 1*)

The witnesses on the Prevention and Drug Treatment Panel made statements and answered questions.

At 10:34 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:43 a.m., the sitting resumed.

At 11:43 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 11:51 a.m., the sitting resumed.

Raffi Balian made a statement and, with Marc McKenzie, answered questions.

At 12:39 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

At 12:47 p.m., the Committee resumed sitting in a public session.

At 12:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Committee



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**Meeting No. 26**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them

**WITNESSES:**

*Assembly of First Nations of Quebec and Labrador:*

Ghislain Picard, Regional Vice-Chief;

Jules Picard, Coordinator of Social Services, Health and Social Services Commission;

Marjolaine Sioui, Coordinator, Early Childhood, Health and Social Services Commission.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant and Tonina Simeone, Research Officers.

*Witness(es): From the "Assemblée des Premières nations du Québec & du Labrador":* Ghislain Picard, Regional Vice Chief; Marjolaine Sioui, Coordinator - early childhood, "Commission de la santé et des services sociaux des premières nations du Québec et du Labrador"; Jules Picard, Coordinator of Social Services, "Commission de la santé et des services sociaux des premières nations du Québec et du Labrador".

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities, the Sub-Committee resumed its study on the status of aboriginal children living on and off reserves and on federal programs available to them (*See Minutes of Proceedings of March 01, 2001 – Meeting No.06*).

Ghislain Picard made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* to give directions to the research staff on the drafting of a report on Aboriginal Children 0 to 6 years of age.

At 5:19 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee





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Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Lyne Casavant and Torina Simeone, Research Officers.

The Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on Aboriginal Children 0 to 6 years of age.

It was agreed, -- That the draft report on Aboriginal Children 0 to 6 years of age (as amended) be adopted as the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorised to present the Report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, -- That a news release be prepared and sent immediately upon tabling of the Report in the House.

At 4:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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**Meeting No. 1**

**Wednesday, November 27, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAYS:**

Election of a Chair

Future business







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 27, 2002

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Monique Guay, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer, Diane St-Jacques and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Tonina Simeone, Research Officer.

The Clerk presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Diane St-Jacques, it was agreed, -- That John Godfrey be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Accordingly John Godfrey took the Chair.

It was agreed, - That Ethel Blondin-Andrew be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002 to discuss the Committee's past report and future study.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, -- That the budget of the Subcommittee in the amount of 25,250 be adopted.

At 3:45 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chairman: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the government response to the Committee report on: "Building in Success" and study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living in urban areas

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth)

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Health:*

Susan Fletcher, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch;

Heather McCormack, Senior Policy Analyst, Research, Coordination and Special Projects  
Division, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

*Department of Human Resources Development:*

Kenneth Kerr, Senior Director, Aboriginal Relations Office.







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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, December 4, 2002

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Larry Spencer and Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Tonina Simeone, Research Officer.

*Appearing: From the House of Commons:* The Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth).

*Witness(es): From the Department of Health:* Susan Fletcher, Associate Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch; Heather McCormack, Senior Policy Analyst, Research, Coordination and Special Projects Division, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch. *From the Department of Human Resources Development:* Kenneth Kerr, Senior Director, Aboriginal Relations Office. *From the Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:* Louise Deschênes, Acting Director General, Social Policy and Programs Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), status review of the government response to the Committee report on: "Building on Success" and study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living in urban areas.

Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 4:56 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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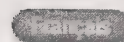
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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, December 11, 2002

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Libby Davies, John Godfrey, Larry Spencer and Diane St-Jacques.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Tonina Simeone and Julie Cool, Research Officers.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

At 4:01 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

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Chairman: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*Health Canada:*

Richard Budgell, Manager, Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Aboriginal Childhood and Youth, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch;

Suzette Jeannotte, Programs Coordinator, Quebec Children's Unit, Quebec Region, Population and Public Health Branch;

Gary Ledoux, Regional Director, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Region, Population and Public Health Branch;

Kelly Stone, Acting Director, Division of Childhood and Adolescence.

*Statistics Canada:*

Doug Norris, Director General, Census and Demographic Statistics.





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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Libby Davies, Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Member present:* From 3:45 p.m. Sébastien Gagnon for Monique Guay.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Statistics Canada:* Doug Norris, Director General, Census and Demographic Statistics. *From the Department of Health:* Kelly Stone, A/Director, Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Population and Public Health Branch; Richard Budgell, Manager, Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Aboriginal Childhood and Youth, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch; Suzette Jeannotte, Programs Coordinator, Quebec Children Unit, Quebec Region, Population and Public Health Branch; Gary Ledoux, Regional Director, Manitoba/Saskatchewan Region, Population and Public Health Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(b) and 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living off reserve.

Doug Norris, Kelly Stone, Suzette Jeannotte and Gary Ledoux made opening statements and, with Richard Budgell, answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living off reserve

**WITNESSES:**

*Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:*

Deborah Wright, Consultant.

*National Association of Friendship Centres:*

Rick Lobzun, President, Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres;

Judith Moses, Executive Director.

*“Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec inc.”:*

Jocelyne Gros-Louis, Director General and Secretary Treasurer.





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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, February 5, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples:* Deborah Wright, Consultant. *From the National Association of Friendship Centres:* Judith Moses, Executive Director; Rick Lobzun, President, Ontario Federation of Indian Friendship Centres. *From the "Regroupement des centres d'amitié autochtones du Québec inc.":* Jocelyne Gros-Louis, Director General and Secretary Treasurer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(b) and 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living off reserve.

Deborah Wright, Judith Moses, Rick Lobzun and Jocelyne Gros-Louis made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Bibiane Ouellette

Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 6**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living off reserve

**WITNESSES:**

*Assembly of First Nations:*

Chief Matthew Coon Come, National Chief.

*Canada West Foundation:*

Calvin Hanselmann, Senior Policy Analyst.

*Metis National Council:*

Audrey Poitras, Interim President and National Spokesperson.

*Pauktuutit (Inuit Women's Association):*

Veronica Dewar, President.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Other Member present:* Wendy Lill.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Assembly of First Nations:* Chief Matthew Coon Come, National Chief. *From the Canada West Foundation:* Calvin Hanselmann, Senior Policy Analyst. *From the Metis National Council:* Audrey Poitras, Interim President and National Spokesperson. *From the Pauktuutit (Inuit Women's Association):* Veronica N. Dewar, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(1)(b) and 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 6 years living off reserve.

Matthew Coon Come, Calvin Hanselmann, Audrey Poitras and Veronica Dewar made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:11 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeffrey LeBlanc  
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**Meeting No. 7**

**Wednesday, February 19, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban area

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth)

Hon. Ralph Goodale, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Human Resources Development:*

Aron Spector, Senior Analyst, Strategic Policy Group.

*Privy Council Office:*

Allan MacDonald, Director, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians  
Division.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Acting Chair, Anita Neville, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present:* Karen Kraft Sloan for John Godfrey.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Appearing: From the House of Commons:* The Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew, Secretary of State (Children and Youth); The Hon. Ralph Goodale, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Health:* Kelly Stone, Director, Childhood and Adolescence, Division of Childhood and Adolescence, Centre for Healthy Human Development, Population and Public Health Branch. *From the Privy Council Office:* Allan MacDonald, Director, Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians Division. *From the Department of Human Resources Development:* Aron Spector, Senior Analyst, Strategic Policy Group.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban area.

Hon. Ralph Goodale made a statement and, with Allan MacDonald answered questions.

On motion of Alan Tonks, it was agreed, -- That the proposed budget in the amount of \$29,300 be adopted.

Hon. Ethel Blondin-Andrew made a statement and, with witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 8**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Inc.:*

Josie Hill, Executive Director;

Diane Redsky, Director of Programs.

*Odawa Native Friendship Centre:*

Jaime Koebel, Board Member;

Clifford Summers, Executive Director.

*Vancouver Native Health Society:*

Lou Demerais, Executive Director.









## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* John Godfrey and Anita Neville.

*Acting Member present:* Libby Davies for Wendy Lill.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Ma Mawi Wi Chi Itata Centre Inc.:* Josie Hill, Executive Director; Diane Redsky, Director of Programs. *From the Odawa Native Friendship Centre:* Clifford T. Summers, Executive Director; Jaime Koebel, Board Member. *From the Vancouver Native Health Society:* Lou Demerais, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:16 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 9**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*Ben Calf Robe Society:*

Claudette DeWitt, Program Manager;

Susanne Gudmundson, Program Coordinator.

*Canadian Council on Social Development:*

John Anderson, Vice-President, Research.





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Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, March 19, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Acting Chair, Alan Tonks, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Member present:* Karen Kraft Sloan for John Godfrey.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research officer.

*Witnesses: From the Ben Calf Robe Society:* Claudette DeWitt, Program Manager; Susanne Gudmundson, Program Coordinator. *From the Canadian Council on Social Development:* John Anderson, Vice-President, Research.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 10**

**Wednesday, March 26, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*BC Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents:*

Leslie Nelson, Community Coordinator.

*First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada:*

Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director.

*Mother Bear Consulting:*

Virginia Blackplume, Assistant Executive Director.







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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, March 26, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:25 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Wendy Lill and Larry Spencer.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the BC Federation of Aboriginal Foster Parents:* Leslie Nelson, Community Coordinator. *From the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada:* Cindy Blackstock, Executive Director. *From the Mother Bear Consulting:* Virginia Blackplume, Assistant Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:22 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 11**

**Wednesday, April 2, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society:*

Robert Harry, Executive Director;

June Wylie, Assistant Executive Director.

*University of Victoria:*

Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social  
Development.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met by videoconference at 3:48 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* John Godfrey, Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Other Member present:* Karen Kraft Sloan.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society:* Robert Harry, Executive Director; June Wylie, Assistant Executive Director. *From the University of Victoria:* By videoconference from Victoria, British Columbia: Prof. Michael Prince, Lansdowne Professor of Social Policy, Faculty of Human and Social Development.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:04 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 12**

**Wednesday, April 9, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*Amiskwaciy Academy:*

Phyllis Cardinal, Principal.

*First Nations Education Steering Committee:*

Christa Williams, Executive Director.

*University of Victoria:*

Jessica Ball, Coordinator, First Nations Partnership Programs; Professor, School of Child and Youth Care;

Alan Pence, Director, Early Childhood Development Virtual University; Professor, School of Child and Youth Care.





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Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, April 9, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met by videoconference at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Parliament Building, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* John Godfrey, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Guests:* *From the University of Victoria:* Dr. Jessica Ball, Coordinator, First Nations Partnership Programs, Professor, School of Child and Youth Care; Dr. Alan Pence, Director, Early Childhood Development Virtual University, Professor, School of Child and Youth Care. *From the Amiskwaciy Academy:* Dr. Phyllis Cardinal, Principal. *From the First Nations Education Steering Committee:* By videoconference from Vancouver, British Columbia: Krista Williams, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

Three witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:03 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 13**

**Wednesday, April 30 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas

**WITNESSES:**

*Advisor on Children's Rights to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senate:*

Hon. Landon Pearson;

Ms. Andrea Khan, Policy Analyst and Researcher.

*Marymount North:*

Ms. Kelly Ostrowski, Director.

*Young Parent Program, Rainbow Youth Centre:*

Ms. Kim Wolbaum, Coordinator;

Ms. Nadine Egler-Wiome, Co-facilitator.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 13

Wednesday, April 30, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:24 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Wendy Lill and Larry Spencer.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Senate:* Hon. Landon Pearson, Advisor on Children's Rights to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; Andrea Khan, Policy Analyst and Researcher, Office of the Hon. Landon Pearson. *From Marymount North:* Kelly Ostrowski, Director. *From the Rainbow Youth Centre:* Kim Wolbaum, Coordinator, Young Parent Program; Nadine Egler-Wiome, Co-facilitator, Young Parent Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced a study on Canada's National Plan of Action for Children in response to "A World Fit for Children".

Senator Landon Pearson made a statement and answered questions.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

Kelly Ostrowski, Kim Wolbaum and Nadine Egler-Wiome made statements and answered questions.

At 5:06 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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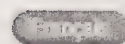
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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, May 7, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:22 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Wendy Lill, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Member present:* Karen Kraft Sloan for Tony Tirabassi.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

The Committee proceeded to discuss its future report on Aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban area.

At 4:18 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, -- That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the First Report of the Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to present the Report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities provided that members of the Subcommittee have an opportunity to review and approve the wording of the amendments suggested at this meeting prior to the presentation of the report to the Standing Committee.

At 4:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 16**

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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, June 4, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Tuesday, November 5, 2002, Meeting No. 1*), the Subcommittee resumed its study on aboriginal children from 0 to 12 years living in urban areas.

By unanimous consent, the Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, -- That the draft report, as amended, be adopted as the First Report of the Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to make such editorial and typographical changes as necessary without changing the substance of the Report.

It was agreed, -- That the Chair be authorized to present the Report to the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities.

At 3:44 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Jeremy LeBlanc  
Committee Clerk



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**Meeting No. 17**

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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, September 24, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met *in camera* at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the Chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*Acting Members present:* Roger Gaudet for Sébastien Gagnon.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:54 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Belisle  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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STATUS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Tuesday, October 7, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of Chair

Study on on-reserve aboriginal children from age 6 to 12

**WITNESSES:**

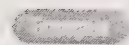
*Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:*

Gilles Rochon, Director General, Community Development Branch, Socio-Economic  
Policy and Programs Sector;

Michel Smith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programs  
Sector.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, October 7, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Anita Neville, Larry Spencer and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :* Gilles Rochon, Director General, Community Development Branch, Socio-Economic Policy and Programs Sector; Michel Smith, Acting Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-economic Policy and Programs Sector.

The Clerk of the Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Anita Neville, it was agreed, — That John Godfrey be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

John Godfrey took the Chair.

It was agreed that, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee undertake a study on On-Reserve Aboriginal Children from Age 6 to 12.

Michel Smith made a statement and, with the other witness, answered questions.

At 4:15 p.m., the sitting was suspended due to technical problems.

At 4:19 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 4:55 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2003/10/09 3:08 p.m.



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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Tuesday, October 21, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of On-Reserve Aboriginal Children from Age 6 to 12

**WITNESSES:**

*Assembly of First Nations:*

Pamela Hunter, Child & Family Services Coordinator Social.

*Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:*

Deborah Jeffrey, Co-Chair, Minister's National Working Group on Education.

*First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group:*

Gibby Jacob, Chief, Squamish Nation.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:20 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the [chair role], John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* John Finlay, Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Anita Neville and Larry Spencer.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Assembly of First Nations:* Pamela Hunter, Child & Family Services Coordinator Social.  
*First Nations Environmental Assessment Technical Working Group:* Gibby Jacob, Squamish Nation.  
*Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :* Deborah Jeffrey, Co-Chair, Minister's National Working Group on Education.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Draft Work Plan for Study of On-Reserve Aboriginal Children from Age 6 to 12.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:47 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2003/10/24 11:58 a.m.



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Chair: John Godfrey, Lib.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Tuesday, October 28, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of On-Reserve Aboriginal Children from Age 6 to 12

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development:*

Joan Atkinson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programs Sector.

*Statistics Canada:*

Andy Siggner, Senior Analyst, Aboriginal Statistics.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 20

Tuesday, October 28, 2003

The Subcommittee on Children and Youth at Risk of the Standing Committee on Human Resources Development and the Status of Persons with Disabilities met at 3:21 p.m. this day, in Room 536 Wellington Building, the chair, John Godfrey, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* John Finlay, Sébastien Gagnon, John Godfrey, Ovid Jackson, Wendy Lill, Anita Neville and Alan Tonks.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Julie Cool, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Stephen Owen, Secretary of State (Western Economic Diversification) (Indian Affairs and Northern Development).

*Witnesses: Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development :* Joan Atkinson, Assistant Deputy Minister, Socio-Economic Policy and Programs Sector. *Statistics Canada:* Andy Siggner, Senior Analyst, Aboriginal Statistics.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of Draft Work Plan for Study of On-Reserve Aboriginal Children from Age 6 to 12.

Hon. Stephen Owen and Andy Siggner made a statement and with the other witness answered questions.

It was agreed, — That, at this stage, the Committee did not gather enough evidence to write a report on Aboriginal Children 6 to 12 years of age living on reserve, therefore the meeting scheduled on November 4th for this purpose is cancelled .

It was agreed, — That, if the House reconvenes on November 17th, the Subcommittee invite officials regarding the government's response on the Committee's report tabled June 12, 2003 entitled: Building a Brighter future for Urban Aboriginal Children. .

It was agreed, — That, thereafter the Committee pursue its study on Aboriginal Children 6 to 12 years of age living on reserve.

At 4:39 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Danielle Bélisle  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2003/10/30 12:31 p.m.











